

### REMARKS

There are 17 claims remaining in the application, with claims 21 through 25 being newly added. Claims 9, 17 and 21 are independent

Applicant's attorneys wish to thank Examiner Corcoran for the extensive and detailed Office Action of January 9, 2004.

The remarks concerning suggested revisions to the specification have been carefully considered. It is believed that the instant amendment addresses all substantive issues and that the claims, as presently amended, have full support in the revised terminology of the specification.

No new matter has been added.

It is also submitted that the claims, as presently amended, clearly define Applicant's invention over the references of record.

More specifically, the Lens Saver II is not flexible at ambient temperature and requires heating, which is difficult to achieve *in situ*.

Further, unlike Applicant's claimed invention, the Lens Saver II does not comprise a repair panel formed of a single layer.

As previously mentioned, the Marshall reference discloses a two part laminated patch which, like the Lens Saver II, requires heating in boiling water.

Neither Lens Saver II nor Marshall is adapted for on site repairs at a remote location, wherein a source of boiling water is not readily available.

It is readily apparent that all claims remaining in this application are directed to patentable subject matter which is not suggested or disclosed in any of the references of record, either taken alone in combination.

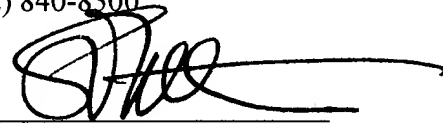
WHEREFORE, reconsideration and early allowance are earnestly solicited.

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